

Minutes of a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life Held on February 14, 1997 at 10:00am Hall 769

Present: Dr. D.L. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Dr. S.M. Graub, Ms. N. Torbit, Ms A. Kerby, Ms A. Ghabban, Mr. H. Zarins, Mr. A. Feldman, Mr. R. Melkonian, Ms J. Starkman, Ms C. Cogger, Ms S. Kiruluta, Ms M. West, Ms J. Beaudoin, Ms C. Hughes, Mr A. Youness

Absent with Regrets: Ms A. Vroom, Professor B. Barbieri, Ms E. Robinson, Mr. A. Zakka, Dr. R. Bonin, Ms L. Lipscombe, Mr. R. MacIver, Mr. M. Bujold, Mr. R. Côté

Delegates: Ms G. Pannetta replaced Ms K. Hedrich, Ms S. Maynes replaced Dr. M. Barlow

Guests: Ms G. Polisenio, Ms N. Robinson (Garderie Concordia)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms Cogger requested that Child Care be placed on the agenda under New Business. The approval of the agenda with this addition was moved by Ms Torbit and seconded by Ms Hughes. The motion was carried.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Boisvert wished Happy Valentine's Day to all Council members. Council was also reminded that a special joint meeting of CCSL and the various student government boards to consider a student contribution to the capital campaign was scheduled for March 7th in the de Sève Cinema. Mr. Feldman expressed concerned that notification of this meeting has not as yet been sent out to the student associations. Dr. Boisvert confirmed that documentation will be sent out next week which will give the student associations sufficient notice of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 1997

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Feldman, seconded by Ms Torbit. The motion was carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) **CSU Job Bank/Off-Campus Housing Budget:** As the report had been tabled at the January CCSL meeting, Dr. Boisvert hoped Council members had all read the report. He invited Ms Cogger to give a brief overview of the report. Ms Cogger explained that the Off-campus Housing and the Job Bank Service is the largest and most widely used service CSU has to offer. With significant investments in resources and capital, the service has become more user-friendly and more visible. The service is also expected to expand to the Loyola Campus with the re-opening of the Campus Centre (top floor). Dr. Boisvert confirmed that apart from the CCSL contribution the balance of funding comes from CSU. Ms Cogger also explained the numbers in this report are based on 95-96 budget plus a 15% projection (excluding salaries). Therefore these numbers could potentially be lower. Ms Kerby asked for breakdown of staff and hours. Ms Cogger said

the service is normally open from 10:00am-6:00pm Monday -Friday, but that on Tuesdays the service is open until 8:00pm. The staff consists of one work-study student plus four other rotating employees. Dr. Graub informed Council that the Career and Placement Service (CAPS) works in collaboration with the CSU Job Bank. The feedback has been positive. Ms Cogger agreed the working relationship is very good and beneficial for both services.

b) Proposed Recreation & Athletics Board: At the January CCSL meeting, Dr. Boisvert was mandated to come back to Council with a revised mandate and membership for the Recreation & Athletics Board. This report was distributed and time was allowed for Council to read the proposal. Dr. Boisvert explained he had tried to clarify the relationship between CCSL and the Board. It was moved by Ms Kerby and seconded by Mr. Feldman to receive the proposal. Mr. Zarins questioned the wording of 1c) under Mandate. He was uncomfortable with the wording and the implications of this point. A discussion as to the responsibilities of the Board to CCSL followed. Mr. Feldman suggested that the problem could be solved by eliminating reference to the Director of Athletics in point 1c). That amendment was accepted unanimously. A discussion ensued concerning the composition of the Board. As Council felt it was important to have the Vice-Rector Services involved, Dr. Boisvert suggested that Mr. Emond be added as an ex-officio member. Mr. Feldman asked, in order to be consistent, that **all** nominations for the Board be approved by CCSL. In order to coincide with the University year, it was also decided that the term of the Board would be one year, from June 1 - May 31. In order to facilitate scheduling it was decided that this year only the term would be April 1/97 - May 31/98. It was agreed that there should be a minimum of three meetings per Fall and Winter Term. The minutes from these meetings will be distributed to Council on a regular basis. A copy of the revised Recreation & Athletics Board Mandate and Membership with the agreed upon changes and additions is attached. Mr. Feldman suggested that perhaps this Board could also look at the recommendations of the Student Services Task Force. Dr. Boisvert and Mr. Zarins agreed this was a good idea. Mr. Zarins asked when the first meeting would take place. Dr. Boisvert confirmed he will ask the different bodies for their appointments and will bring these names to Council for ratification. April 1st would be the target date for the Board to be in place.

c) Other Business Arising: Mr. Feldman confirmed that the CCSL Task Force had met on January 28th to discuss ways of adjusting or lowering internal university charges to student association/groups. Although everyone was sympathetic to the concerns expressed, there were no easy solutions or answers. Dr. Boisvert was satisfied that student associations were treated in the same manner as other university departments/services. Mr. Feldman confirmed that a request has been made to the Student Services budget to set-up a fund to help student associations/groups defray the **internal** costs (e.g. audio-visual, security, room bookings) of an event.

Dr. Boisvert announced that the CCSL Awards Nomination Forms are now available. The deadline is March 24, 1997 to submit nominations and he encouraged council members to participate in this process.

Mr. Feldman informed Council that the Space Task Force Recommendation is being reviewed by the Rector's Office. The question of whether or not the Task Force will continue will probably not arise again until the first round of decisions concerning the recommendations are made.

Ms Kerby informed Council that Bill C-32 (a bill which restricts import of used books and choice of book suppliers) was in danger of failing in the House of Commons. She hoped that Council members had made their individual protests against this bill known.

5. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a) **Greening of Mackay:** Ms Starkman spoke briefly about the recent meeting to discuss the project. She expressed disappointment that the university support was not as strong as hoped. She reiterated that the project benefits the Concordia community as a whole as well as the downtown community. Dr. Boisvert confirmed that the University is in the process of developing a plan for the SGW Campus - it is in the "hopper". He also informed Council that there was discussion on different locations for this project. Dr. Boisvert congratulated the students on a wonderful job in putting together the proposal for the Greening of Mackay and reviving interest in the project.

b) Ms Kerby informed Council that Mr. Andre Braun had died. Mr. Braun had previously worked for the International Students Office and had currently been working in the Services for Disabled Students. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students alike. There will be a Memorial Service in the Loyola Chapel on Friday, February 28th. Council was also informed that Professor Barbieri's father had died recently. Council wished to express its sincere sympathy.

6. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

As the Director of Financial Aid was not available for this CCSL meeting, the Financial Aid presentation was postponed. Mr. Feldman questioned whether it was the "lack of available actors" that was stalling the Financial Aid Presentation!! The reports from the Directors were distributed at the meeting. It was noted that reports from Advocacy and Recreation & Athletics would be mailed to Council members.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Feldman requested speaking privileges for Ms G. Poliseno, President of the Board of Directors for Garderie Concordia and Ms N. Robinson, a student and parent. Ms Poliseno expressed her concerns about the proposed budget cut for Garderie Concordia and spoke briefly about the background and importance of this daycare facility. As Garderie Concordia falls under the jurisdiction of Advocacy, Dr. Boisvert asked Ms Kerby to respond. Ms Kerby thanked Ms Poliseno for her presentation and confirmed she had a meeting with Garderie Concordia and Ms Poliseno later that day. Dr. Boisvert informed Ms Poliseno that a budget request should be made formally to Ms Kerby for consideration. Dr. Boisvert informed Council he had also received a request from the Loyola Daycare and asked Ms Kerby to coordinate this.

8. NEXT MEETING: POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING

The next regular meeting is March 21, 10:00am in AD 131 (Loyola). After a lengthy discussion, it was decided there would be an additional CCSL meeting to receive the draft budget on Friday, March 14th, at 10:00am in Hall 771. Dr. Boisvert confirmed that the draft budget would be available the week of March 3rd for the student caucus to review. Because of time constraints it was decided that if the student caucus had concerns they wished to address **before** the March 14th meeting, they would contact the

Dean of Students. Ms Starkman confirmed that it would always be the same students addressing any concerns to each of the Directors. Mr. Feldman reiterated that the purpose in seeing the budget in advance of the meeting is to avoid any surprises and hopefully make the budget process more efficient.

9. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

The motion to terminate was made by Ms Torbit, seconded by Mr. Feldman. The meeting was terminated at 12:15pm.